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H. RES. 109

Recognizing the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Arbroath and supporting the establishment of a National Tartan Day to recognize the outstanding achievements and contributions made by Scottish Americans to the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 29, 2001

Mrs. THURMAN (for herself, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. FROST, Mr. MCINTYRE, and Mr. OSE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Arbroath and supporting the establishment of a National Tartan Day to recognize the outstanding achievements and contributions made by Scottish Americans to the United States.

Whereas April 6 has a special significance for Americans of Scottish descent, and for all Americans, because the Declaration of Arbroath, the Scottish Declaration of Independence, was signed on April 6, 1320, and the American Declaration of Independence was modeled after that inspirational document;

Whereas Scottish Americans have played a major role in the founding of this Nation, nearly half of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were of Scottish descent, the Governors of 9 of the original 13 States were of Scottish descent, and Scottish Americans have successfully helped shape this country in its formative years and guide this Nation through its most troubled times;

Whereas Scottish Americans have made invaluable contributions that have led to America's preeminence in the fields of science, technology, medicine, government, politics, economics, architecture, literature, media, and visual and performing arts;

Whereas there are more than 200 organizations throughout the United States that honor Scottish heritage, tradition, and culture, representing the hundreds of thousands of Americans of Scottish descent, residing in every State, who already recognize and observe Tartan Day on April 6; and

Whereas these numerous individuals, clans, societies, clubs, and fraternal organizations do not let the great contributions of the Scottish people go unnoticed: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That—

2 (1) the House of Representatives recognizes the
3 historical significance of the anniversary of the sign-
4 ing of the Declaration of Arbroath; and

5 (2) there should be established a National Tar-
6 tan Day to recognize the outstanding achievements

1 and contributions made by Scottish Americans to
2 the United States.

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